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SUBJECT: NEW BANANA TAX PROPOSAL

- 1. THE COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT PROPOSED TO THE BANANA COMPANIES MARCH 31ST A 35 CENT PER BOX TAX ON BANANAS, ACCORDING TO A REPORT PUBLISHED IN THE EXCELSIOR. UNDER THE NEW PROPOSAL, THE PRICE PAID BY THE COMPANIES TO INDEPENDENT BANANA PRODUCERS WOULD BE ESTABLISHED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE BANANA EXPORTING COMPANIES AND THE INDEPENDENT PRODUCERS, RATHER THAN BY THE GOVERNMENT, ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT COULD INTERVENE UPON REQUEST TO ASSIST THE PARTIES TO REACH A SETTLEMENT.
- 2. THE NEW PROPOSAL, ON WHICH COMPANIES ARE ASKED TO COMMENT BY APRIL 7, WOULD REQUIRE MODIFICATION OF LAW NO. 5515 OF APRIL 1974 WHICH ESTABLISHED IN PRINCIPLE UNCLASSIFIED

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A \$1.00 BANANA TAX, OF WHICH 25 CENTS HAS BEEN COLLECTED

UP TO NOW ON AN INTERIM BASIS. ONCE THE LAW IS CHANGED,
AND THE NEW FORMULA ENTERS INTO FORCE, THE GOVERNMENT
WOULD CEASE SUBSIDY PAYMENTS TO INDEPENDENT PRODUCERS.
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